



Governor's Energy Office

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“GOVERNOR’S ENERGY OFFICE OFFERS CLEAN ENERGY FUND GRANTS, ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAMS”

DENVER—The Governor's Energy Office (GEO) announces its portfolio of energy efficiency and renewable energy programs, including a Clean Energy Fund grant, for communities statewide. The Clean Energy Fund, which was created in 2007 by Senate Bill 246, offers grants through GEO and the Office of Economic Development and International Trade. The purpose of these programs is to advance Colorado to a New Energy Economy through energy efficiency, and clean, renewable energy technologies.

All programs leverage matching funds and partner with organizations such as schools, communities, businesses, non-profits, institutions, and others. GEO provides communities with expertise and support in the implementation of its programs to ensure success. GEO's programs currently include:

- *Anaerobic Digestion Feasibility:* GEO partners with facilities or farm owners to conduct anaerobic digester feasibility studies, which could allow for waste to be used for energy.
- *Biofuels Funding:* The Governor's Biofuels Coalition offers funding, marketing, and technical support for increasing the state's biofuels infrastructure.
- *Clean Energy Fund - New Energy Economic Development:* The Clean Energy Fund has grants, loans, and financial support to advance energy efficiency and renewable energy throughout Colorado. The first competitive cycle ends December 14, 2007.
- *Energy Efficiency Services for Income-Eligible Residents:* GEO is seeking cities and counties that are interested in participating in energy efficiency programs for income-eligible residents.
- *ENERGY STAR® New Homes Program:* GEO is seeking cities interested in participating in the Colorado ENERGY STAR® New Homes Program. Interested parties should submit an interest form by November 30, 2007.
- *Event and General Organization Sponsorship:* GEO supports Colorado renewable energy and energy efficiency events and non-profit organizations.
- *Colorado Carbon Fund:* GEO is accepting input on the development of a carbon offsets program that will develop quality, Colorado-based renewable and energy efficiency projects.
- *High Performance Design Program:* GEO offers support and expertise for commercial and public buildings using High Performance Design in new construction and existing buildings.
- *Insulate & Seal Colorado Program:* GEO is seeking cities and counties interested in offering rebates to homeowners that install insulation in existing homes. Interested parties should submit an interest form by November 30, 2007.
- *K - 12 Schools Program:* GEO partners with schools interested in making energy improvements, including energy efficiency, renewable energy projects and energy manager training.
- *Performance Contracting Program:* Performance contracting allows for buildings to make energy capital improvements without up-front costs and guarantees energy and cost savings. GEO is seeking partners in performance contracting for commercial, public and school buildings.

- *Residential Solar Rebate Program:* GEO is seeking partners to implement photovoltaic and solar thermal Residential Solar Rebate Programs.

“Programs such as insulation for existing homes, energy performance contracting for building owners, and increasing our biofuels infrastructure, are examples of how GEO is helping build sustainable communities in Colorado,” said Tom Plant, director of GEO. “These programs are a part of GEO’s commitment to bring the promise of the New Energy Economy to communities throughout the state.”

For more information on these programs or to submit a GEO program interest form or Clean Energy Fund application, visit the “Resources Section” of GEO website, www.colorado.gov/energy.

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